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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

In a control system or method for input or output of operating information and control data of a printing or copying system, the operating information is input or output with aid of at least one operating unit. The  
5 printing or copying system is controlled via a first control unit and at least one second control unit. Control data are transferred between the control units via a data line with aid of a data transfer protocol. A server which the operating unit accesses as a client is provided. At least one part of the transferred control data is input or output with aid of the operating unit of the printing or  
10 copying system.